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Walker on Patents. Third edition. By Albert H. Walker of the Hartford Bar. Sheep. Price \$6.50 net, or \$6.75 delivered. Baker, Voorhis & Co., New York, 1895.

This book of 850 pages differs from all other standard American patent-law text books in being five years later than the latest of the others and in embodying the relevant points of the Judiciary Acts of 1891 and 1893. Its author has enriched it by incorporating into the text more than a thousand points of law which have been extracted from some seven hundred newly-cited decisions which have been rendered since the second edition was published. Mr. Walker's wide experience as a practitioner and his remarkable ability for clearness of expression have enabled him to state in this work in a clear and concise form, points of law which required elaborate discussions in the second edition because they were not then settled by the courts. In revising the text that it might conform to the present condition of the law some old sections have been discarded while new ones have been added. All through the author has aimed at bringing this very intricate subject into as clear, concise and practical a form as possible. The recognition of the author's books on patents as authority, is indicated by the fact that during the twelve years since the publication of the first edition, it has been cited in the Federal Courts as an authority in nearly a hundred different decisions, being a far greater number than that of any other English or American patent-law text-book. Every lawyer should have this latest standard work in his library.

A Treatise on the Law of Former Adjudication. A complete analysis of all the Precedents and Principles concerning the effect of Judicial Decrees, Judgments, Orders and Sentences upon the Rights of Parties, Privies and Strangers, in Other Judicial Proceedings, either Civil, Criminal or Ecclesiastical. By John M. Van Fleet, author of "Collateral Attack on Judicial Proceedings." Two volumes. Sheep. The Bowen-Merrill Company, 1895.

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